The embankments shown are the existing embankments within the scheme area that are currently under consideration.

These embankments were originally put in place in the 19th and 20th century and run along both sides of the Shannon estuary.

Many of these embankments were constructed to defend agricultural lands from fluvial or tidal water overflow, others were constructed to form walkways and towpaths with flood defence being a biproduct of their primary use.

## **Embankments**

